



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held May 13, 2003, the Board took the following action:

115-B

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“State Senator Gloria Romero has introduced a legislative proposal on behalf of the City of Industry, Senate Bill 537, negatively impacting some solid waste management facilities and affecting local jurisdictions’ land use authority.

“In its most recent form, as amended May 5, 2003, the bill would impose an arbitrary State mandated prohibition on expansion of the Sanitation Districts’ Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), thereby usurping any future land use decision of the County of Los Angeles for this project which is located in an unincorporated area of the County. The bill now also limits a privately owned facility in the City of Industry.

“The Puente Hills MRF, which was permitted by this Board, is important to the County for two reasons. First, it will provide substantial new recycling capacity to assist local jurisdictions, including the County, with meeting State recycling mandates. Second, the Sanitation Districts’ Board of Directors have committed the Puente Hills MRF to be a key component of the local infrastructure for rail haul of the County’s waste to remote desert landfills. It will be where the residue from the recycling operation will be placed in sealed rail transport containers.

“Whether this important facility should in the future be expanded is appropriately a matter for the Sanitation Districts’ Boards of Directors to propose and for the County to approve or disapprove and not a decision for the State Legislature.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in opposition to SB 537 (Romero), legislation which would impose an arbitrary State mandated prohibition on expansion of the Sanitation Districts' Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility, thereby usurping any future land use decision of the County for this project which is located in the unincorporated area of the County; and
2. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to the State Legislature and the Governor expressing the Board's opposition to SB 537.

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Governor Gray Davis
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